

Notice!

To the Brethren Sunday schools of Ohio :
—In order to create a greater interest in and to give an opportunity to assist in the support of our Mission work we designate Sunday June the 19 as Missionary Day.

On that day the lesson centers in the great Commission of Jesus. His great command is "Go." One way to go is to give of our money to help others to go.

We wish every school in Ohio to take up a collection on that day for this great work. Put it before your schools now and talk about it every Sunday until then. Get ready for a big offering to the Lord for this work. In order to help on the State as well as the National work it has been decided that the money received shall be equally divided between the two. For further information write to J. A. Miller, Hiram, O.

Fraternally,

A. D. Gnagey, Pres. O. Home Mission Bd.
J. A. Miller, Sec'y. of O. Nat. Mission Bd.

Communion Notice

I am requested to announce that the West Alexandria congregation will observe the Lord's Supper Saturday evening, June 11. The entire membership, and others who may so desire, are lovingly invited to be present.

There will be preaching Sunday morning, the 12th, at the usual hour.

ZED H. COPP.

Dayton, Ohio.

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Rockwell City, Kans.

I will write you a few lines concerning the work at Maple Grove. Bro. Hixson, our evangelist, came to us May 1st, and labored diligently and earnestly for two weeks, with the good results of fourteen weary-laden souls being brought into the fold of the church and Christ; also two that had gone astray, and one by letter, making a total of seventeen. Old lives were made anew in God and the spirit of the meetings was manifested throughout. Too much praise cannot be spoken of Bro. Hixson and the work he is accomplishing throughout the brotherhood. Our Sabbath school work is progressing finely with a good attendance and a deep interest. We recently re-organized our K. C. society and are adding to its membership at each meeting. June 12 was set aside for "Children's Day" and a good program is being prepared.

With new life, new happiness and a new interest among our brethren we feel that a greater and grander work can be accomplished for the good of our Creator than ever before in our Western home of the church.

J. W. DEETER.

Camden, Ind.

The work at this place is moving along nicely. A Sunday-school has been organized. They are using Brethren literature. This school and church are remarkable for the excellency and number of young men in attendance. It is in a community of very wealthy Old Order G. B's., who are treating us with due Christian courtesy. If the pastor and members of the Flora church will give it the encouragement that Warsaw gives Dutchtown, they will soon have property of their own.

I attended G. B. Sunday-school Sunday 15. Well, that was not the first time, but this was something new for me—the minister and deacons prevailed on me filling their appointment after school which I did. It made me feel that we were brethren once more. I would to God that we all could get enough of his Holy Spirit in our hearts that all prejudices might be driven out.

B. H. FLORA, State Evangelist.

Communion Notice

The church at New Troy, Mich., will hold their communion June 18. We extend a cordial invitation.

By order of Church,

J. H. ENGLISH.

Darkening The World

A class of good people are found in every community who see only the sad side of life. No stars shine through their cypress trees. In the time of danger they forgot that there are divine refuges into which they may flee and be safe. They know the promises and often quote them to others, but when trouble comes upon them all these words of God fade out of their minds. In sorrow they fail to receive any true and substantial comfort from the Scriptures. Hope dies in their heart when the shadows gather about them.

They yield to discouragement, and the darkness blots out every star in their sky. Whatever the trouble may be that comes into their life, they see the trouble only, and fail to perceive the bright light in the cloud.

The habit of mind adds much to life's hardness. Every burden is heavier because of the sad heart under it. Every pain is keener because of the dispiriting which it brings with it. Every sorrow is made heavier by the hopelessness with which it endured. Every care is magnified and the sweetness of every pleasure is lessened by this pessimistic tendency. The beauty of the world loses half its charm in the eyes which see all things in the hue of despondent feeling. Slightest fears become terrors and smallest trials grow into great misfortunes. Our heart makes our world for us, and if the heart be without hope and cheer, the world is always dark. We find in this life just what we have the capacity to find. One who is color blind sees no loveliness in nature. One who has no music in his soul hears no harmonies anywhere. When fear sits regnant on the throne, life is full of alarms.

On the other hand, if the heart be full of hope, every joy is doubled and half of every trouble vanishes. There are sorrows, but they are comforted. There are bitter cups, but the bitterness is sweetened. There are heavy burdens, but the songful spirit lightens them. There are dangers, but cheerful courage robs them of terror. All the world is brighter when the light of hope shines within.—*Exchange*.

Every workman has some kind of a tool; the clerk, his pen; the carpenter, his saw; the blacksmith, his anvil. So the Christian has his tools. The most important is his power of speech. The more we use this tool, the better can we handle it.

Bitter fruit does not grow on sweet trees. If your life is made manifest chiefly in deeds of selfishness, jealousy, ill temper, impatience, greed, and unloveliness, than be very sure that it is itself wrong.

Pennsylvania State Conference

The annual conference of the Brethren church of the State of Pennsylvania will be held in the Brethren church in Philadelphia on June 7, 8 and 9.

At this writing we have no definite knowledge as to special railroad rates, but it is doubtful that special rates can be obtained, as the minimum number of passengers for rates is one hundred, and we can scarcely expect that many to come from distant parts of the state. The secretary, brother J. E. Parsons, has the matter in hand. If he gets any concessions he will give you due notice of them.

There will not be any reception committees at the depots in Philadelphia. Trains arrive at all hours of the day and night from some parts of the state, consequently it would take the vigilance of several committees about